

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has indicated that this application includes claims directed to the following two patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-26, 33 and 34
- II. Claims 27-32

In response, Applicant elects to pursue the claims in Group I – Claims 1-26, 33, and 34.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of the non-elected Groups of the application in one or more divisional patent applications.

The undersigned is available during normal business hours if a telephone conversation would be helpful to advance prosecution in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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